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# Character Connections

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## For Teachers

Here's a great activity to teach good  
citizenship from [GoodCharacter.com](http://GoodCharacter.com)...

Have older students go to an internet  
search engine (e.g., Google) and type  
in "kids making a difference." They will  
find countless inspiring examples of  
how young people have made their  
communities and the world a better  
place. Have them select stories they  
like and present them to the class and  
tell why they chose them. Do these  
stories give them any ideas about  
things they might like to do? If your  
students are pre-readers, do the  
search yourself and select stories to  
read to them.

**Citizenship Lesson Plan from PBS**  
[pbskids.org/democracy/educators/  
citizenshipcity.html](http://pbskids.org/democracy/educators/citizenshipcity.html)

## For Parents

Feel free to cut and paste the  
following excerpt from "What's A  
Parent to Do?" by Peggy Adkins to  
share with parents...

Citizenship is doing your share to help  
your family make your community a  
better place. Good citizens are good  
neighbors. They cooperate with others,  
obey laws and rules, protect the  
environment, and respect the authority  
of parents, teachers and others.

**Show good citizenship by...**

- Obeying laws and rules
- Selecting a family service project to  
help someone in your community.
- Discussing the importance of  
taking care of the environment and  
the costs of not doing so.

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